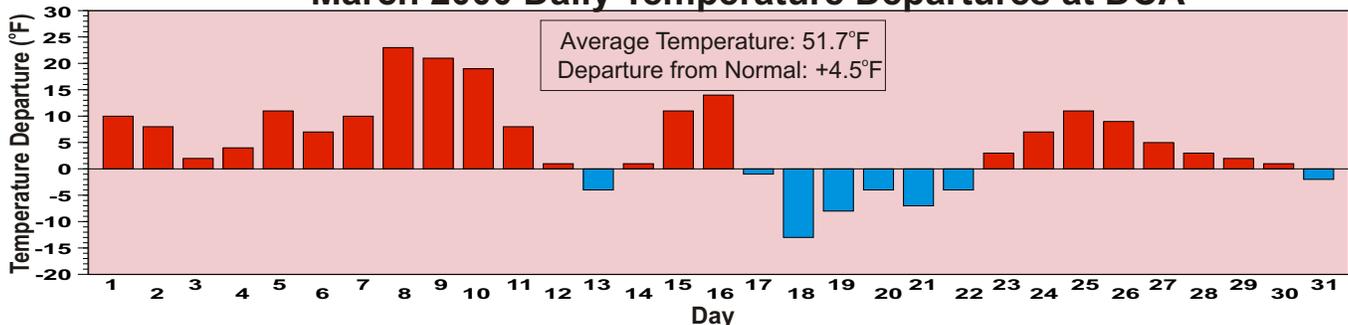


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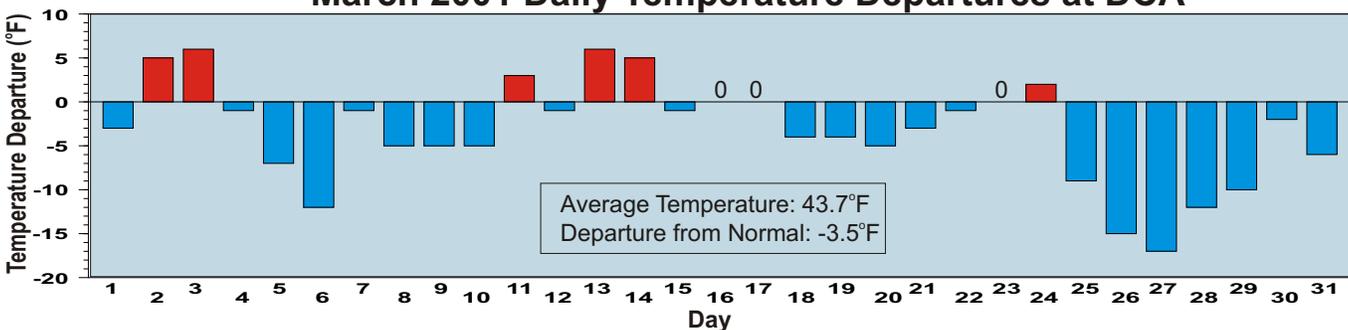
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**March 2000 Daily Temperature Departures at DCA**



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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Subnormal temperatures and above-normal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 25 days with at or below normal temperatures during March 2001 (only 8 such days March 2000) and a significant temperature difference (8°F cooler) this March than same time last year at DCA (see graphic);
- Coldest March at DCA, BWI and IAD since 1996;
- Monthly temperature departures of -2°F or lower recorded at all three major airports;
- First March since 1993 without a 70°F+ high at DCA;
- Eleven days with at or below freezing lows at DCA, the most such March days since 1993;
- Strong coastal storm generated over an inch of rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph on the 21st;
- Up to two inches of rain across the region on 29th-30th;
- Sixth consecutive March with above-normal precipitation at DCA, BWI & IAD;
- High winds (up to 70) mph blew through Prince William County, VA on the evening of 13th;
- January-March precipitation slightly below normal at both DCA & IAD and slightly above normal at BWI.